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MEMORANDUM FOR: OLC

SUBJECT : Request From John Hardt,
Library of Congress

Attached is the draft letter that John Hardt had proposed to have the Chairman of the Senate Agricultural Committee send to the DCI asking for information on U.S. grain shipments to the USSR. In a telephone conversation on 5 June, I told John Hardt that it would be more appropriate for the Department of Agriculture and the Maritime Administration to answer the Committee's questions. I assured him that the information we had on this subject had already been made available to both organizations. I referred John to Ronald Stone in the Maritime Administration, and Robert Svec in the Foreign Agricultural Service, Department of Agriculture. John was satisfied with my suggestion and said he would contact Stone and Svec.

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Acting Director
Economic Research

Attachment:
as stated

*no further action required
of this item - JHB 6/7/73*

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In preparing current legislation, some questions have arisen on the transportation of grain to the Soviet Union to meet current contracts. Informal comments of our staff with yours suggest that the following questions might be addressed:

- (1) What information is available on shipment of U.S. grain to Soviet ports, including tonnage, freight rates?
- (2) Our delegation, including Senator Humphrey and Bellmon, anticipated bottlenecks in Soviet port and transport facilities. Has this occurred? If not, why not?
- (3) There have been reports of slow handling of grain shipments through U.S. elevators and ports. If this is true, why has it occurred?
- (4) Our freight car shortage has been linked to Soviet grain shipments. Do you have information on this question?

Of course we would prefer unclassified information that might be used in open committee proceedings. Any assistance you may provide would be most appreciated.

Yours,

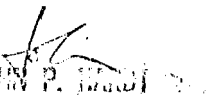
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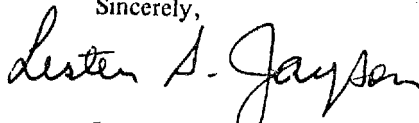
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Dear :

Enclosed is a draft
of the letter that would
have gone from the
Committee chair to your
direct.


JOHN P. REED

Sincerely,



Lester S. Jayson
Director

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